MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Probably qualified Muslims were not available at that time.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any qualified Muslim applied ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to gather information with regard to that ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not think it necessary, as, now that the Public Service Commissioner has been appointed, fresh recruitment will be made by him.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether temporary appointments can be made by departmental heads according to the Government circular before the functioning of the Public Service Commissioner ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any of such appointments went to a Muslim ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Sir, the printed answer is nil, while the present answer is, yes.

PRESIDENT : Your cross-examination has been successful.

Work of the Anchal Peons.

277. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a circular has been issued recently by the Anchal Superintendent asking the peons to do the sweeping work also in addition to the other duties entrusted to them ;

(*b*) whether these Anchal Peons are required to be provided with cycles ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, who will provide them with cycles ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not compulsory.

(*c*) At their own cost.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know from the Government whether there was any order compelling the Anchal peons to do the sweeping business in the Anchal Offices ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There was no order compelling the peons to do the sweeping work. The Superintendent only issued an order saying that the Anchal Master should see that the office is kept neat and clean.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is not sweeping one of the duties of the Anchal peons besides the other duties entrusted to them ?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. In the small offices it is the duty of the peon to see that the premises are kept clean.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether there is any other department in which the peons have to do the sweeping?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In all offices where special arrangements have not been made for sweeping, it is the business of the head of the office to see that the premises are kept clean.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether such special arrangements will be made in the Anchal Department also so that sweepers may be appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The present arrangement is the one followed in all departments.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether that privilege will be extended to the Anchal Master also?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): If there are no others in the office, the Anchal Master himself will have to attend to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Before the issue of the Superintendent's order, were there no arrangements for sweeping?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. No special arrangements.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it because of that that this circular was issued?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent inspected the offices and found that they were dirty.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is there no provision in the contingencies for sweeping the office?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. Not in small offices.

Clerical staff in the Agricultural Director's Office.

278. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many graduate and under-graduate clerks there are in the office of the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries: and

(*b*) of these how many are Muslims, Nairs, Brahmins, Christians and Ezhavas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) One graduate and nine under-graduates.

(*b*) Muslims	...	Nil.
Nairs	..	4
Brahmins	...	2
Christian	...	1
Ezhava	...	1
Others	...	2

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): With regard to this department also may I know whether the appointment of Muslims is in the hands of the Public Service Commissioner or in the hands of the departmental head?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Appointments to be made hereafter will be made by the Public Service Commissioner.

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